



## Evans Water and Sewer Board

Evans Community Complex  
Council Chambers  
1100 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Evans, Colorado

Time and Date: August 19, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m.

### 1. ROLL CALL – 03:31 pm

Chairman: Jeff Oyler - not present  
Vice-Chairman: Glenn Snyder - present  
Commissioners: Randy Blewer - not present  
Brett Bloom - present  
Michael Thuener - present  
Ex-Officio Members:  
Mayor: Brian Rudy - present  
City Manager: James Becklenberg - present

#### City Staff:

Randy Ready, Asst. City Manager  
Mark Oberschmidt, City Engineer  
Robby Porsch, Wastewater Superintendent  
Justine Schoenbacher, Water Conservation Coordinator

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03:32 pm

Approval of minutes from 05.20.2021 regular board meeting

**\*\*Motion to approve minutes (Bloom). Second (Thuener). Passes unanimously.**

### 3. STAFF UPDATE – 03:32 pm

Introduction of Leslie Power, New Administrative Specialist  
Bret Kelso's resignation, Water Foreman recruitment  
Randy Blewer, Water/Sewer Board resignation.

### 4. INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT DRAFT ORDINANCE – 03:37 pm

Robby Porsch and Randy Ready –

- Wastewater Pretreatment Program presentation (see attached PPT)

#### Overall goals (Randy Ready)

- a. Protecting the quality of the South Platte River receiving water and the biosolids from the plant.
- b. Prevent interference with wastewater treatment and infrastructure.
- c. Protect staff health and safety.
- d. Comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination permit.
- e. Distribute costs for wastewater fairly among customers.
- f. Minimize threats for the WWTP's capacity to handle organic solids.

#### Specifics (Robby Porsch)

- a. Approximately 90% of wastewater plants have industrial pretreatment ordinances.
- b. Industrial users and categorical industrial users are involved.
- c. Prohibited discharges are any pollutant that causes pass through or interference.

- d. Pretreatment Standards and Facilities. Categorical standards for categorical industrial users under EPA regulation, site specific standards, and best management practices.

**Question:** Hillside Rentals, as an example (they wash equipment and grease), is there a way that a business like this can separate discharge other than going sewer pipe/storm water?

**Answer:** Annual Inspections will handle this, and sand/oil interceptors are designed for this purpose (a form of pretreatment).

**Question:** Is there a timeline on how often they should have their grease traps emptied?

**Answer:** This is based off seating count, size of interceptor vs. use of interceptor. They should have their interceptor (on their own) inspected quarterly and pumped as needed.

**Question:** Is there a way to do surprise inspections?

**Answer:** Ordinance allows us to do this. However, this is new to customers, and we will schedule in advance, meet with customers, learn the process, and involve them.

**Question:** On the proposed ordinance, is # 9 removed? Why?

**Answer:** We are not currently set up to receive hauled waste at the treatment facility and do not want it discharged into our collection system. It can be a revenue source for wastewater treatment works if they are set up for that. Currently, we do not have the capacity for it.

***\*\*I move to recommend to the Evans City Council that the City approve an ordinance to establish an Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program, substantially as presented at the August 19, 2021 Water and Sewer Board meeting (Bloom). Second (Thuener). Motion passes unanimously.***

**Communication (Randy Ready)** – Robby has been working with our larger users and they know this is coming. We will let them know there will be a public hearing in September. We are thinking this should be effective in 2022 to give time to roll this out in an orderly fashion.

## **5. PROJECT UPDATES- 03:55 pm**

Mark Oberschmidt gave the following updates:

a. Tuscany Non-potable Project

Up and running and we are tweaking the system to make sure operating perfectly.

b. Lagoon Decommissioning Project

Started the project on August 9 and should be complete at the end of the year. This is an impressive project! Take a drive to watch the progress.

c. Kickoff of 35<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Water Improvements Design

Last week was the official kickoff of the project. We will be out in the field doing survey in the next two or three weeks. All data will be reviewed then we will address stormwater alignment and sewer realignment. We will be open cutting highway 85.

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d. Water line projects

We currently have three water lines projects in design phase. We are at 90% on the State Farm, 30% on 31<sup>st</sup> street and 30 % on 37<sup>th</sup>. Goal to be shovel ready for bidding at the end of the year. In 2022, we will select one water line project to complete.

e. AE2S is working on the south side of the South Platte River. They are working on updating water model and how to serve the south side of the river.

Randy Ready gave the following updates:

f. Water Usage Update

30% decrease in water use in May due to cool, wet weather. This will help us stay on the path to be below the Greeley treatment cap. In June, we had another month with a decrease in usage. July #'s will be in soon but expect an increase because it was a very hot, dry month. Tuscany non-potable has helped create a substantial decrease in water usage.

g. Upcoming Rate Study Parameters

There is a wastewater rate study underway right now. We have a very qualified firm looking at our ten-year plan, expansion costs, and rate alternatives to help growth pay its own way. Hope to have preliminary results for feedback in September.

Justine Schoenbacher gave the following updates:

h. Water Conservation Program

- Direct Install fixture replacement program – currently in Phase IV of VI of program plan. CDBG has allowed us to expand this to all income qualified homeowners in the City of Evans.
- Growing Water Smart Metrics Grant  
Evans is one of the two communities in the nation to be awarded this grant. The program will help build conservation metrics to track water saving actions.
- Northern Water Conservation District  
Evans has been offered an outdoor water audit and Pioneer Park has been selected.
- Non-potable water feasibility study  
We are completing a feasibility study to see if possible to add non-potable water to an existing neighborhood.  
Evans Ditch Business Plan  
Upcoming project to ensure we are utilizing the resource well.

**6. UPCOMING (Randy Ready)**

a. Wastewater Rate Study (Sept-Oct)



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Will be using the data compiled in the MPSC for this study. Prepared to talk about this fall.

- b. Greeley Terry Ranch Water Project Update (September)  
Greeley staff will be in to talk about this project and the board will be invited.
- c. Wastewater Utility Master Plan (starting fall 2021)  
Last study done in 2013 and revised in 2015. Timing great with 2020 census results.

**04:10 pm** Motion to Adjourn.

**\*\*Motion to adjourn (Bloom). Second (Thuener). Passes unanimously.**